

Capsule Summary

SM-822

Rocky Point Farm

St. Clements Shores vicinity

Private

circa 1900

Prior to the construction of the St. Clements Shores subdivision in the late 1920s and early 1930s, much of the property was agricultural and probably contained a scattering of tenant houses and planters' dwellings. Rocky Point Farm recalls this earlier period. Judging from the overall massing and pitch of the roof, the main dwelling at Rocky Point Farm may have been built prior to 1900. Located down a long dirt farm lane that lies on the north side of Lady Baltimore Avenue, the one-and-a-half story, frame dwelling is oriented on a south/north axis and features a rambling front porch. Further architectural investigations should determine the exact date of the building.

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Rocky Point Farm is located on the north side of Lady Baltimore Avenue just outside the water side community of St. Clements Shores near Compton, Maryland. The 19.8 acre farm is characterized by open cultivated fields and tree-lined field boundaries. Oriented on a south/north axis, the main house is approached via a long dirt drives that extends to the north of Lady Baltimore Avenue. The property is bounded by residential lots to the east and west, a wooded tract to the north, and Lady Baltimore Avenue to the south.

The circa 1900 main house at Rocky Point Farm is a one-and-a-half story, rectangular plan, frame house with a long gable roof. Due to the distance of the house from the main road, the exterior wall cladding is not distinguishable, but the gable roof is covered with raised-seam metal. A single, interior brick chimney flue protrudes from the roof. Although the overall massing, pitch of the roof, and location suggests a circa 1900 date, the building may date from an earlier period.

The primary elevation is obscured by a full length, screened-in porch.

Other elevations were not investigated.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>19.8 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>19.8 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Leonardtown</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by residential lots to the east and west, a wooded tract to the north, and Lady Baltimore Avenue to the south. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 157, Folio 193.

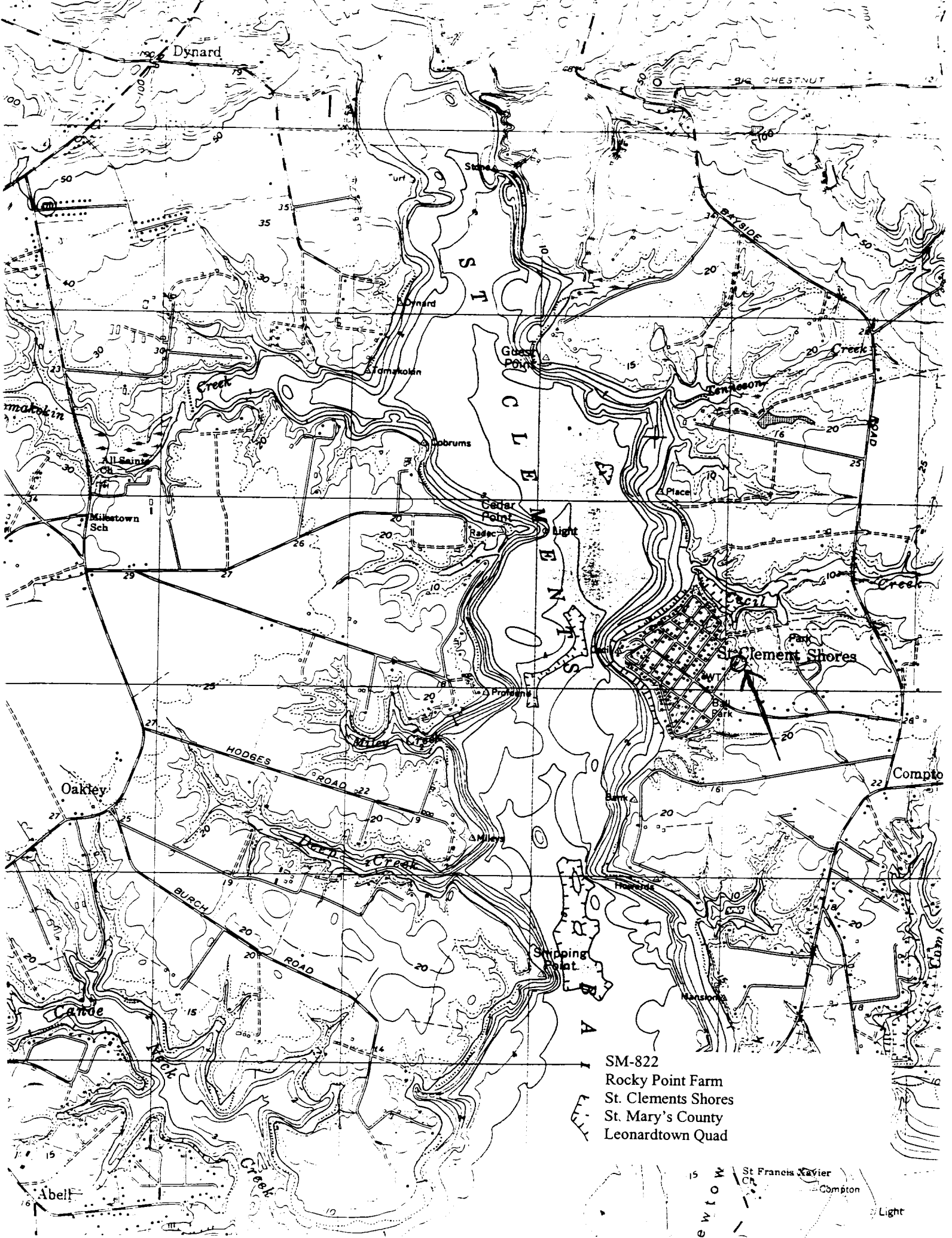
11. Form Prepared by

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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St. Clements Shores
St. Mary's County
Leonardtown Quad

15 W St Francis Xavier
Compton
Light



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Rocky Point Farm

May 1950

Rocky Point

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